

with interconnection of said side edge region and said bottom edge region being substantially blended and smooth whereby a substantially snag-free transitional edge is provided between said bottom edge region and said side edge region.

- 14) The strip of claim 13 wherein the transitional edge is comprised of one or more obtuse arcs.
- 15) The strip of claim 13 wherein the transitional edge is comprised of a curved edge.
- 16) The strip of claim 13 wherein the transitional edge is comprised of an obtuse intersection between said side edge region and said bottom edge region.

Remarks

The specification has been amended by deleting the last three paragraphs of the Background of the invention-Objects and Advantages section. In view of the deletion of claims to which these paragraphs refer, these paragraphs are no longer relevant, and were therefore deleted.

Claims 1 through 4 have been rewritten as new claims 13 to 16 to more particularly define the invention in a patentable manner over the cited prior art.